

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India and NAFED are procuring half of the crop that came to the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the revenue earned during the current year by such procurement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): During the cotton season 2008-09, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and NAFED are the Central agencies under Minimum Support Price operations. The total arrival of cotton in the country is 284.20 lakh bales out of which around 127.07 lakh bales of cotton have been procured by CCI (89.35 lakh bales) and NAFED (37.72 lakh bales) which works out to around 44%.

(b): State-wise details of purchases of cotton bales by CCI and NAFED during 2008- 09 cotton crop season are as under:-

(No. in lakh bales)

State	By CCI	By NAFED
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Maharashtra	19.97	35.21
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Andhra Pradesh	32.77	1.34
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Gujarat	12.36	1.17
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Punjab	10.43	
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Haryana	2.58	
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Rajasthan 1.55

Madhya Pradesh 7.36

Karnataka 1.62

Orissa 0.71

Total 89.35 37.72

(c): CCI and NAFED are Central agencies for procurement of cotton under MSP operations. Losses, if any, incurred on procurement under MSP operations are reimbursed fully by the Government of India. Since the procurement cost at MSP prices was higher than the market prices during the cotton season 2008-09, no revenue (profit) was generated under such operations.